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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJECT: BILL POSTPONING ELECTIONS ONE YEAR ADOPTED

REF: NEW DELHI 1674

1. THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT PASSED FEBRUARY 4 THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED BILL EXTENDING OZS TERM BY ONE YEAR. WHEN THE BILL IS PASSED BY THE UPPER HOUSE AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AS IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT DAYS, THE GOI WILL HAVE COMPLETED THE CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTPONING THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS ONE YEAR.

2. THE BILL WAS PASSED 165 TO 20, WITH THE CONGRESS AND CPI IN SUPPORT AND MOST MEMBERS OF THE BLD, CPM AND CMK GROUP IN OPPOSITION. MINISTER OF LAW GOKHALE JUSTIFIED THE BILL ON THE GROUNDS THAT A GENERAL ELECTION WOULD CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE WHICH WOULD DISTURB PREVAILING CONDITIONS, THAT THESE CONDITIONS HAD NOT RETURNED TO NORMAL SINCE THE FORCES WHICH WERE OUT TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY AND CREATE INSTABILITY IN INDIA WERE NOT DEAD BUT "ARE LYING LOW". THE CONGRESS PARTY, HE SAID,  
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WAS GUIDED BY THE LARGER NATIONAL INTEREST SINCE IT

COULD EASILY WIN AN ELECTION, "BUT WE DO NOT VIEW THIS  
ISSUE FROM THE PARTY ANGLE". ACCORDING TO THE VARIOUS  
PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE DEBATE, GOKHALE DID NOT IDENTIFY  
FURTHER THE FORCES BENT ON CREATING INSTABILITY HERE.  
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